

Dear FCC,

I wanted to let you know that I am a subscriber to the XM satellite radio service. I was pleased by their market decision to broadcast the traffic and weather channels a few months ago. There is a need for this since the local stations only let you know traffic conditions maybe every thirty minutes or so in the morning, and not at all during the day until evening rush hours. The local stations are unable to sustain having weather and traffic all the time, since they can't count on advertizing revenue for this service (since they know that people would only tune in when they are preparing to drive or need to know weather conditions). XM Satellite Radio is able to offer this service continuously for the major cities (I live in the Chicago area, and benefit greatly from it) since they have a paying customer base that wants this service. I pay a subscription fee every month for XM radio, and like the variety that I can get with this service. Since I am paying for this service, I don't think that over-the-air broadcasters should have any say in determining what I am allowed to pay for and listen to. I do support local radio stations, and listen to a few different ones throughout the day, but none provide the continuous coverage of traffic and weather like XM Satellite Radio does.

Please reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160, since it is anti-competitive and infringing on other's rights to broadcast what their paying subscriber base wants.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Brian Gardner